What's so great about doing the FAFSA online?

The *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is available to fill out online at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**. The site is known as *FAFSA on the Web*. You should use *FAFSA on the Web* instead of a paper FAFSA because

It's quick.
- You'll get your results as much as three weeks faster than someone who uses the paper FAFSA. Speed is important when schools are awarding limited financial aid resources.

It's easy.
- *FAFSA on the Web* has detailed help screens for every question.

- You can get live, private online help from a customer service representative.

- Based on your answers to certain questions, *FAFSA on the Web* skips other questions that don't apply to you.

It's accurate.
- *FAFSA on the Web* notices when you've supplied answers that contradict each other, and it gives you the chance to correct your mistakes before submitting the information.

- Because of the online help and the fact that *FAFSA on the Web* checks for contradictory answers, your online application is less likely than a paper FAFSA to be delayed by the need for corrections.

It's safe.
- *FAFSA on the Web* uses encryption, which means the information you send to the site is turned into code so that anyone attempting to access your information will not be able to read it.

Okay, I believe you! What do I do now?

1. Get a U.S. Department of Education personal identification number called a PIN at **www.pin.ed.gov**.

2. Find out what documents you need at **www.studentaid.ed.gov/docs**.

3. Fill out the *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet* at **www.studentaid.ed.gov/worksheet** (this step is optional; the worksheet was designed for students who feel more comfortable filling something out on paper before going online to enter their application information).

4. Fill out the FAFSA at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.

5. Keep an eye on your e-mail in-box for a response and further instructions.